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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ROBERT S. KENNEMUR:

On May 7, 1968, RANDOLPH D. JONES, Pure Oil Station, Americus, Georgia, reviewed the credit card purchase slips which were obtained from the Chicago Office regarding purchases at his station on April 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1968. Mr. JONES advised that all of the purchases which were recorded in his name could be eliminated by him as persons who are known to him with the exception of a purchase made by GEORGE B. FRANKS, Pure Oil Credit Card Number [REDACTED]. Mr. JONES observed that this credit card was to expire in July of 1968, and he believed that this was possibly the person to whom he had sold the gas who resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Pure Oil Company, Retail Department, Palatine, Illinois, had furnished the address of Mr. FRANKS as 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Georgia.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

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Re Los Angeles airtels to Bureau 5/2 and 7/68.

RE: LENIE RAYMOND DOWDA

On 5/16/68 LENIE RAYMOND DOWDA, 108 Orchard Road, Smyrna, Ga., was re-interviewed and advised that he and his wife drove their 1966 Volkswagen to California to spend the Thanksgiving holiday 1967 with his wife's uncle, ROBERT GRAHAM, Palos Verdes, Calif.

DOWDA advised he and his wife arrived at Palos Verdes the day before Thanksgiving 1967, spent Thanksgiving Day with the GRAHAM residence and left about 9 or 10 a.m. the following morning with \$45 or \$50 to go to Santa Rosa, Calif., to see if they could locate DON RIGGERS. DOWDA advised they left Palos Verdes and drove directly to Monterey, Calif. DOWDA advised they took the coast highway all the way to Monterey and arrived around midnight on the day following Thanksgiving. DOWDA stated on the way to Monterey they stopped on the beach to have a picnic for a couple of hours. He stated other than that they did not stop except for routine purposes until they arrived at Monterey. DOWDA advised they stayed at Monterey for only a couple of hours to rest and never did get a motel or any other kind of accommodations. He stated while there, in evaluating their finances, they realized they did not have sufficient funds to go on to Santa Rosa and, therefore, decided to return to Palos Verdes. DOWDA advised while they were in Monterey he did not lose his wallet nor any money or anything else that he could recall. He stated the only money that he did lose during the

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whole trip to California was \$200 at the Grand Canyon, the money apparently falling out of his pocket. DOWDA advised that they arrived back at Palos Verdes the following day and later borrowed some \$75 from MR. SHANAN in order to get back to Georgia. DOWDA advised he did lose his wallet around 12/67 or 1/68 while visiting his father in Deland, Fla. He advised he could provide no additional details re this loss of his wallet.

DOWDA stated no other events transpired during the time he and his wife traveled to Monterey and they left the SHANAN residence the day after they returned from the Monterey trip.

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5:08 URGENT 5-20-68 CXH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATLANTA

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 3 P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, KNOXVILLE AND
OTHER DIVISIONS, MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE FRANK WILLIAM
BRICKLEY AND TELEPHONE CALL MADE JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, FROM
TELEPHONE OF LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,
TO SIX ONE SIX - SIX TWO TWO - NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

ON MAY TWENTY, INSTANT, MRS. OLA MAE HOLLAND, A WIDOW,
RESIDENCE APARTMENT FOUR, THREE FIVE ZERO SIX JEROME STREET,
CHATTANOOGA, ADVISED SHE HAS RESIDED THIS ADDRESS PAST
THIRTEEN YEARS. SHE OWNS THIS LOW RENT SUBSTANDARD APARTMENT
BUILDING. HOLLAND HAS HAD TELEPHONE SIX TWO TWO - NINE
ZERO SIX SEVEN IN EXCESS OF TWO YEARS. JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN,
FOLLOWING PERSONS RESIDED WITH HER AT THIS ADDRESS AND HAD
ACCESS TO THIS TELEPHONE: CHRISTINE GUY, DAUGHTER, DIED
MAY, SIXTYEIGHT; WALTER JAMES HOLLAND, SON, AGE TWENTYTWO
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AND HIS WIFE, JEAN HOLLAND. WALTER JAMES HOLLAND AND WIFE MOVED JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM JEROME STREET; NOW RESIDING UNKNOWN ADDRESS NEAR CHATTANOOGA, TENN. HOLLAND SELF-EMPLOYED WITH BOBBY WALLACE DOING INDIVIDUAL HOUSE ROOFING UNKNOWN LOCATION NORTH ALABAMA.

MRS. HOLLAND AND SON, WALTER JAMES HOLLAND, WERE NOT USUALLY AT HOME DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. TELEPHONE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN ANSWERED BY DECEASED DAUGHTER. MRS. HOLLAND NOT AWARE OF ANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS RECEIVED AT HER TELEPHONE FROM CALIFORNIA JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN.

MRS. HOLLAND HAS KNOWN MR. AND MRS. ROY D. BRICKLEY, SR., ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA, SLIGHTLY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THEY HAVE ONLY TWO SON, ROY D. BRICKLEY, JR., AND FRANK W. BRICKLEY. THEY HAVE TWO OR MORE DAUGHTERS. ONE DAUGHTER, MRS. GLENN ARCHIE (BERTIE LEE) HOLLAND FORMERLY RESIDED ONE TWO TWO THREE THIRTYFIFTH STREET PLACE, CHATTANOOGA, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THREE FIVE ZERO SIX JEROME
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STREET. THEY WERE RESIDING THIS ADDRESS JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN. THEY HAD NO TELEPHONE AND WOULD RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS THROUGH MRS. OLA MAE HOLLAND'S TELEPHONE. THERE IS POSSIBILITY ONE OF BRICKLEY BROTHERS CALLED FOR SISTER USING MRS. OLA MAE HOLLAND'S TELEPHONE AND SHE WOULD NOT BE AWARE OF SUCH CALL. MR. AND MRS. GLEN ARCHIE HOLLAND CURRENTLY RESIDING SALEM ROAD, ROSSVILLE, GA.

SINCE IT APPEARS LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM ONE OF BRICKLEY BROTHERS, LOS ANGELES, JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, WAS TO THEIR SISTER, NO ADDITIONAL EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE WALTER JAMES HOLLAND FOR INTERVIEW RE THIS CALL.

ATLANTA, AT ROSSVILLE, GA., INTERVIEW MRS. GLENN ARCHIE HOLLAND, SALEM ROAD, ROSSVILLE, RE CALL RECEIVED FROM LOS ANGELES JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RALPH E. WILLIAMS at Monroe, Georgia:

On May 13, 1968, Mrs. JAMES H. LEACHMAN, 218 Highland Terrace, Monroe, Georgia, advised that she was living at this address during March, 1968, but she does not know anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY, and has never been contacted by anyone using this name.

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A pretext call to this number reflects Dr. HOWELL is out of the country for several weeks and is a Holiness Preacher.

On 5/7/68, Delta reservations records reflect JACK HOBART gave phone contact of 378-0390, when making reservations. Credit Bureau records reflect JACK HOBART is a machine designer and presently resides 1403-O S. Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta and has phone 378-0390.

Tourist: to Frankfurt, Germany
L. M. SHADRICK, wife and child

SHADRICK had connecting flight Delta 635 on 4/7/68 to Atlanta for purpose of connecting with Delta #106. Since this passenger did not originate Atlanta and since it was a party of three having name of SHADRICK, no further efforts being made to check out this passenger./

April 8, 1968 - Flight #106

There were no first class passengers boarding at Atlanta.

Passengers as follows did board at Atlanta to Frankfurt, Germany:

G. CARSWELL
N. RUTLEDGE

Identifying as to these passengers has been requested from Delta Reservations, but has not as yet been received.

April 9, 1968 - Delta Flight 106

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Only passengers from Atlanta boarding were G. E. BLAYLOCK and JORGENSEN, both destined to Frankfurt by tourist class.

Identifying data has been requested from DAL reservations which has not been received to date.

April 10, 1968 - Flight #106

No local passengers boarded this flight Atlanta for overseas transportation.

April 11, 1968 - Flight #106

All Atlanta boarding passengers this flight to London and Frankfurt identified.

April 12, 1968 - Flight #106

Two tourist passengers to Frankfurt

R. J. HARLAN
P. M. COLLINS

Information from DAL reservations requested and not yet received to further identify.

The following was noted in regard to other Delta flights from Atlanta, as it relates to passengers traveling under the name of RAY or any of his known aliases and also to those "no show" passengers.

Delta Flight #44 - April 5, 1968 - 6:26 P.M.

Passenger (FNU) RAY scheduled for flight to Savannah, but did not show for boarding.

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Delta Flight #531 - 4/5/68 - 6:18 P.M.

Passenger (FNU) RAY boarded plane at gate without reservation enroute Savannah, and had reservation on DAL #44 same date but took this flight.

Mr. R. L. RAWLINGS advised ticket utilized on flight #531 was issued to Miss RAY at half fare indicating she was a Delta employee. This passenger is identical to passenger RAY scheduled for flight #44 but went on flight #531.

Delta Flight #444 - 4/11/68 to Chicago, Ill.

One (FNU) RAY had reservations this flight leaving at 7:35 P.M., however, passenger did not ride on this flight but boarded DAL #830 leaving for O'Hare Field, Chicago, at 7:00 P.M. Passenger RAY was added to manifest at gate for Flight #830.

Mr. MARK CODDINGHAM, DAL Audit Office, on 5/6/68, advised ticket used by Passenger RAY reflects he is JIMMIE RAY, traveling in Army Uniform on military half fare and that he has ASN 671-41-671.

Delta Flight #345- 4/11/68 to Columbia, S. C.

Manifest reflects passenger by name of RAY or ROY was passenger this flight, his name being added to manifest at gate.

Mr. CODDINGHAM (supra) advised ticket used for flight #345 was issued at military fare to one 1st Lt. WILLIAM D. RAY, ASN FV3176188, who was traveling in uniform from Tinker AFB, Okla. while on leave from 4/5-18/68.

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Delta Flight #544 - 4/10/68 to Chicago, Ill.

Passenger RAY added to manifest at gate.

Mr. CODDINGHAM (supra) identified this passenger as a Miss RAY, Delta employee as passenger and was charged only half fare.

Delta Flight #603 - 4/8/68 to Birmingham, Ala.

Passenger RAY added to manifest at gate.

Mr. Tom DeWALT (supra) on May 16, 1968, caused a check to be made of reservation records and advised that above passenger was a Miss RAY travelling with one Mr. FOWLER. This travel originated in Lynchburg, Va., on a Piedmont Air Line booking.

It is obvious this could not be subject.

Delta Flight #107 - 4/7/68 to New Orleans, La.

Manifest reflects that reservations were had for RAY as 1st class passenger and also for Tourist passenger.

Mr. DEWALT, passenger Reservations Supervisor Delta Air Lines advised their reservation records reflect that this was faulty booking as there was only one Passenger on this flight having name of RAY. Records reflect that passenger RAY flew tourist on 4/7/68 from Philadelphia to Atlanta and on to New Orleans, La. On 4/10/68 this passenger flew from New Orleans, La back to Philadelphia, his point of origin, via Delta Flights #902 to Atlanta and Flight #342 to Philadelphia.

Delta Flight #55 - 4/10/68 to Memphis, Tenn.

Passenger H. G. RAY booked to Memphis.

Mr. DEWALT advised reservation records reflect this travel was booked for H.G. RAY by the Francis Travel

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Bureau and point of contact was 523-1868.

Telephonic contact with Francis Travel Bureau reflects that H.G. Ray is an official with Oscar Mayer Packing Co. and usually books his travels thru this agency.

Delta Flight #106 - 4/9/68 to Frankfurt, Germany

Manifest reflects that G.R. & Mrs. BLALOCK along with JORGENSEN were Atlanta boarding passengers this flight.

Mr. DEWALT advised that according to their reservation data, JORGENSEN is Mr. MATT L. JORGENSEN, 3162 Lenox Road and Mr. & Mrs. G. R. BLALOCK left contact of 634-0373. By pretext phone calls it was determined that MATT L. JORGENSEN is Secretary Abrem-Robeson Co. and that he is presently out of the country. Inquiry in the neighborhood of 2397 Williams Lane Decatur, Ga. reflects that Mr. & Mrs. George R. Blalock have resided at this address in University Apartments for over two years and that they are at the present time outside of the country.

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FBI CHICAGO

513PM URGENT 5-17-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ATLANTA /44-2386/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ MIAMI
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FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

RECGTEL MAY FOURTEEN AND MIAMI MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

RE EASTERN FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH APRIL TEN
LAST.

INQUIRY BURGESS VIBROCRAFTERS, INC. GRAYSLAKE, ILLINOIS, REVEALED
UAL IN ERROR AS UAL TICKET ENDING EIGHT TWO NINE NOT ISSUED TO THAT
COMPANY. RECONTACT WITH UAL DEVELOPED TICKET ACTUALLY ISSUED TO
ELRICK AND LAVIDGE, INC. CHICAGO IN SIXTYSIX.

CONTACT ABOVE COMPANY DEVELOPED TICKET USED BY CHARLES PLOCAR
WHO, AMONG OTHER CITIES, FLEW OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL NINE LAST ON EAL
FLIGHT TWO FOUR EIGHT. PLOCAR EMPLOYED ABOVE FIRM SINCE EARLY SIXTY-
FIVE. ELIMINATED. UAL CHECK RE EAL FLIGHTS CONCLUDED.

AMCC NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS.

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2:56 PM URGENT 5-18-68 JCS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE (44-696), LOS ANGELES,
LOUISVILLE
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)
MURKIN

RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, ATLANTA AND LOUISVILLE
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA AND OTHER
OFFICES MAY EIGHTEEN INSTA.

REVIEW OF PRISON RECORDS AT TERRE HAUTE, IND., THIS DATE RE-
VEALED BRICKLEY'S FILE HAS EITHER BEEN PULLED MISFILED. FULL
WORKING FORCE AT PRISON, WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY TO LOCATE FILE,
WILL NOT BE ON UNTIL MONDAY MORNING NEXT, AT WHICH TIME A SEARCH
FOR FILE WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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150PM URGENT 5/18/68 CAB

TO LOS ANGELES 44-1574 ATLANTA MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM KANSAS CITY MIAMI
LAS VEGAS DETROIT MOBILE KNOXVILLE ALBANY CHARLOTTE
FROM DIRECTOR 1P.

MURKIN

RE LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LATEST ARREST RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES FOR FRANK
WILLIAM BRICKLEY, FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C.
JUNE TWENTYFOUR SIXTYSIX, UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE,
INDIANA, PV, YCA, NMVTA AND ESCAPE FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY, TRANSFERRED
FROM FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,
EXPIRATION OF GOOD TIME JANUARY SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.
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TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA, DETROIT, AND LAS VEGAS
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3P

MURKIN.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH SECRET SERVICE, MEMPHIS, THAT
THE THREE TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED
TO THE LABORATORY ARE BONAFIDE AND NOT COUNTERFEIT.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO LOCATE THE ORIGINAL U. S. POSTAL
MONEY ORDERS THAT SUBJECT USED FOR PAYMENT T LOCKSMITHING
INSTITUTE IN NEW JERSEY. THE ORIGINALS OF THESE MONEY ORDERS
WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE
EXAMINATION.

RALPH CARPENTER, EMPLOYEE OF YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS, WAS ADMITTED
MAY TEN LAST TO PSYCHIATRIC UNIT JOHN GASTON HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS,
ON COMPLAINT OF WIFE. SANITY HEARING TO BE HELD MONDAY NEXT,
AND CARPENTER TO BE COMMITTED TENNESSEE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND
INSTITUTE, MEMPHIS. CONDITION DIAGNOSED AS PARANOIA WITH
GRANDIOSE FEELINGS.

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED THE LOS ANGELES
OFFICE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER,

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WHICH INFORMATION IS REPORTEDLY ALSO BEING FURNISHED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING IS NOTED:

MRS. BESSIE BREWER, OPERATOR OF ROOMING HOUSE, FOUR TO TWO AND ONE HALF S. MAIN ST., MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SAMUEL LEWIS UNKNOWN TO HER EITHER BY NAME OR AS AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

MRS. BREWER STATES THAT NO ONE LIVING THERE HELPS MAINTAIN THE ROOMING HOUSE BY MAKING BEDS, ETC. EACH TENANT MAINTAINS HIS OWN ROOM AND MRS. BREWER CLEANS THE ROOM AFTER THE TENANT CHECKS OUT.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AND THE CELLARS OF THE ROOMING HOUSE DISCLOSES THERE IS NO FURNACE. HEAT SUPPLIED IN EACH ROOM BY GAS HEATERS.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION, OF WHICH LOS ANGELES TIMES NOT AWARE, WOULD TEND TO PROVE BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT THAT MURDER WEAPON WAS RECOVERED AND NOW IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION WOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT SUBJECT'S WHITE MUSTANG WAS IN SUBJECT'S POSSESSION AT REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ON NIGHT OF APRIL THREE LAST.

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MEMPHIS FEELS INFORMATION IS SO OBVIOUSLY INCORRECT
THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INQUIRY WOULD BE A WASTE OF INVESTIGATIVE
EFFORT; HOWEVER, OFFICES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD
NOT DISCONTINUE UNLESS ADVISED BY THE BUREAU.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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~~RM DEFERRED 5-17-68 MEN
TO EL PASO
FROM MEMPHIS 91-3025 1P~~

JERRY RAY JAMES: BANK BURGLARY -- CONSPIRACY.
OO, SAN ANTONIO.

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~~FBI~~ KNOXVLE

1200 PM URGENT 5/18/68 ELS

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES 44-1574, AND KNOXVILLE 44-696
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT RE LOS
ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT "BOB" (LNU) TO ATLANTA.

ROY BRICKLEY, SR., AND HIS WIFE, DOROTHY, WHO RESIDE
THREE ZERO ONE ROWLAND AVE., ROSSVILLE, GA., TELEPHONE
NUMBER TWO TWO NINE DASH TWO ONE FIVE FIVE, CONTACTED
THIS DATE. BOTH ADVISED HAVE NO SON NAMED "BOB" OR ONE
WHO USES NAME BOB. SAID ROY BRICKLEY, JR., LIVES NEXT-
DOOR AT THREE HUNDRED ROWLAND AVE., ROSSVILLE, GA.,
AND ROY, JR., HAS BEEN STEADILY EMPLOYED ROSSVILLE PAST
TWO YEARS. SAID FRANK BRICKLEY RELEASED FED. PENITENTIARY
UP NORTH ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AND HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE
TIME SINCE THEN IN TEXAS AND ROSSVILLE. LEFT ROSSVILLE
MAY THREE LAST TO GO TO TEXAS. PARENTS COULD NOT RECALL
RECEIVING PHONE CALL FROM ANYONE IN LOS ANGELES.
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PARENTS FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN SIXTYTWO SHOWING FRANK BRICKLEY, ROY BRICKLEY, SR., AND ROY BRICKLEY, JR. THIS PHOTO BEING FORWARDED DIRECT FROM DALTON, GA., RA AMSD TO LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE NO. EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO NOT LISTED IN DIRECTORY AND WHEN DIALED, WAS DISCONNECTED.

KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. DETERMINE THROUGH SOUTHERN BELL SOURCES SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NO. EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO AS SET OUT IN RE LOS ANGELES TEL.

FRANK BRICKLEY'S PARENTS APPEARED COOPERATIVE; HOWEVER, THEY COULD NOT RECALL ANY RELATIVE USING NAME BOB AND BOTH STATED FRANK HAD NOT USED NAME "BOB" TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY THAT "BOB" IS REALLY FRANK BRICKLEY, LOS ANGELES WILL DISPLAY HIS PHOTO AS WELL AS PHOTO OF ROY BRICKLEY, JR., UPON RECEIPT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING ATLANTA DIVISION.

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FBI LOS ANG.

11:30PM URGENT 5-17-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, ALBANY AND CHARLOTTE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P) 6P

MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN
INSTANT, RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

FOR INFO ATLANTA, MOBILE AND ALBANY, LA TIMES HAS HAD
CONTACT WITH ONE BOB LNU WHO SAID HE HAD INFO CONCERNING WHAT
ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF DR. KING.
IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY BOB LNU, HE STATED
FOLLOWING REGARDING ASPECTS OF CASE INVOLVING LOS ANGELES AREA:

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN
HUNDRED, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN LAST.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LA
HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER
HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATANOOGA,
TEENY TENN. WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.
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THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. SHEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

ALSO WILLI SHEA. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER UNMARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIC CONVERTIBLE NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE'S BLOND, ABOUT AGE THIRTY EIGHT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LA AREA THIS DATE.

JACK HERD, DAY MANAGER TOP RAIL BAR ADVISES WILLI SHEA ENTIRELY UNKNOWN. NO COCKTAIL WAITRESSES EMPLOYED BY THIS BAR, EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ON THOSE OCCASIONS, HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND OR GIRL NAMED BERNICE DOUGLAS WHO DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF WILLI SHEA HAS HELPED OUT AT BAR. MRS. NANCY BURGDOFF, MANAGER FOR LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, REPORTS NO WILLI SHEA HAS OR IS RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS.

LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EFFEMINATE THIRTY SIX YEAR OLD NEGRO MALE, EMPLOYED BY WESTERN UNION, WHO RESIDES AT THREE EIGHT ONE SEVEN GIBRALTAR AVENUE, APT. FIVE, LOS ANGELES
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TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH TWO NINE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE THREE NINE, REPORTS HAS KNOWN FRANK BRICKLEY AND HIS BROTHER BOB BRICKLEY FIVE OR SIX YEARS. DURING THAT TIME FRANK HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF ONE JAIL AFTER ANOTHER. BOTH FRANK AND BOB ARE HEAVY DRINKERS AND WHEN IN LA AREA HAVE FREQUENTED SKIDROW BARS NEAR FIFTH AND MAIN IN DOWNTOWN LA AND SEVENTH AND ALVARADO NEAR WESTLAKE PARK. THEIR PARENTS RESIDE IN ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA AND WHEN IN LA DURING JUNE SIXTY SEVEN THEY MADE CALLS FROM WHITE'S HOME TO FOLLOWING NUMBERS, ONE OF WHICH IS THEIR PARENTS NUMBER:

ROSSVILLE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR

TWO TWO NINE DASH TWO ONE FIVE FIVE

EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

FIVE TWO FOUR DASH ONE THREE ONE FIVE

SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

THREE THREE SEVEN DASH SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN FIVE

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

SIX TWO TWO DASH NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN

WHITE ALSO FURNISHED TWO RECIPITS FOR PURCHASE OF GUNS BY HIM FROM WEATHERBY SPORTING GOODS, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ONE EAST FIRESTONE
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BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA FOR ONE BAYARD THIRTY TWO CALIBER, SERIAL NUMBER TWO FIVE TW TWO ONE; AND BERETTA TWENTY-FIVE AUTOMATIC PISTOL, SERIAL NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO EIGHT ZERO, PLUS AMMUNITION FOR EACH WEAPON.

CLAIMS WHEN FRANK BRICKLEY WAS LAST IN LA AREA ABOUT SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN BOTH OF THESE WEAPONS DISAPPEARED FROM HIS RESIDENCE, AND HE SUSPECTED EITHER FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY OR THEIR COUSIN, WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT NOW RECALL, STOLE THEM. SAID HE HAS NEVER FILED A STOLEN REPORT. SAID ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO HE GOT COLLECT CALL FROM FRANK SEEKING MONEY, AT WHICH TIME FRANK INDICATED HE HAD JUST GOTTEN OUT OF HOSPITAL WHERE WAS RECOVERING FROM UNDESCRIBED WOUND. WAS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO FIND TELEPHONE COMPANY CHARGES FOR THIS CALL, BUT BELIEVES IT WAS FROM KNOXVILLE OR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. SAID HE IS SURE THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY OF POSSIBLY THEIR COUSIN, COULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF INFO THAT HE HAD PURCHASED ABOVE DESCRIBED WEAPONS OR THAT HE HAD RESPONDED TO CALL FOR MONEY BY SENDING TWENTY OR THIRTY DOLLARS TO FRANK. CLAIMS LAST SAW BOB BRICKLEY LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AGO, AT WHICH TIME BOB SAID FRANK WAS IN PRISON, BUT DID NOT INDICATE SPECIFIC CHARGE OR LOCATION.
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FRANK BRICKLEY APPEARS IDENT TO FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY,
AKA, SUBJECT OF BUFILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO THREE SEVEN THREE FOUR;
ATLANTA FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO: MOBILE FILE
SEVEN SIX DASH ONE ZERO EIGHT ONE, WHO ACCORDING TO MOBILE
AIRTEL JANUARY TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX APPREHENDED AUSTIN TEXAS ONE
TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX.

LAPD RECORDS INDICATE LEAMONT A. WHITE ARRESTED JULY SIXTY
FIVE LEWD CONDUCT IN VICINITY OF FOURTH AND MAIN, L.A.

PERSONNEL CLARK HOTEL ADVISE ONE RAY YOUNG, WHO GAVE HOME
ADDRESS OF ONE FIVE ONE BEACH ST., MASSENA, NEW YORK, WAS
REGISTERED ROOM SEVEN HUNDRED APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH LAST. PHOTOS
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO PERTINENT HOTEL PERSONNEL
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CONRAD TORROMEO, NIGHT MANAGER, HAROLD'S BAR, FIVE FIVE
FIVE SOUTH MAIN, WHO IS KNOWN AS CONNIE, OBSERVED ALL PHOTOS
OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISES NEVER EMPLOYEE OR CUSTOMER. PHOTO
DISPLAYED TO OTHER PERSONNEL, INCLUDING DAY SHIFT, WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED ALL LEADS IN THIS MATTER RECEIVE IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

ALBANY WILL CHECK OUT RAY YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y. TO ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, AND TO DETERMINE IF KNOWS BRICKLEY BROTHERS OR LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, BEARING IN MIND POSSIBLE HOMOSEXUAL INVOLVEMENT.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT BRICKLEY'S PARENTS AT ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA TO SECURE CURRENT PHOTOS OF BOB BRICKLEY WHO MAY BE AKA ROY BRICKLEY, JR. FORWARD PHOTO TO LA TO SHOW TO LA TIMES REPORTERS WHO CONTACTED BOB LNU, TO DETERMINE IF HE IS INFORMANT IN THIS MATTER.

IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO ADVISE LA AND INTERESTED OFFICES OF ANY CURRENT INCARCERATION OF FRANK BRICKLEY FROM RECORDS OF FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C.

INVESTIGATION LA CONTINUING. AIR MAIL INFO COPIES FURNISHED CINCINNATI, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS.

CHARLOTTE RECEIVING COPY FOR INFO PER INSTRUCTION MIAMI.

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*Milland got photo of
Frank, Roy + Roy Jr
Being sent LA
AMSD
direct from Dalton
by Milland.*

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Milland
handling
notified 8:30
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PLAIN TEXT

5/16/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Alias JOHN WILLARD,

Re Pittsburgh teletype to the Bureau dated
5/16/68.

JOHN E. NEIL, Vice President of W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 55 Fifth Avenue, NYC, advised JOHN O. WILLARD, DOB-5/8/39, was employed by this company as a college traveler on 12/12/66. As such WILLARD calls upon college teachers in an attempt to sell the company's textbooks. WILLARD graduated from Phillips Academy in 1957 and received his MA in Music, History and Literature, in 1966 from the University of Pittsburgh.

WILLARD's itinerary for January - May, 1968, indicates he intended staying at the Downtowner Motel, Atlanta, Georgia, 4/4-15/68 at which time he would be visiting Agnes Scott College, Atlanta University, Morris Brown College, Morehouse College, Clark College, Oglethorpe College and De Kalb College.

New York conducting no further investigation regarding WILLARD.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2- Memphis
1- Pittsburgh (INFO)
1- Savannah (INFO)
1- Atlanta (INFO)
1- New York
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA ALBERT D. MILLARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of Supervisor ROBBE dated 5/15/68.

On 5/16/68, the fact that RAY should be considered a suspect in burglaries and armed robberies was discussed with the following individuals:

Sheriff ALLISON BLEVINS
Trenton, Georgia

Sheriff RALPH JONES
LaFayette, Georgia

Georgia Bureau of Investigation Agent PAUL GRIFFIN (NA)
Rossville, Georgia

All of the above advised that they have photographs of RAY in their possession and will consider him a suspect on past and future robberies and burglaries, but could furnish no information pertaining to him at this time.

2 - Atlanta
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1105PM URGENT 5-16-68 GED

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), JACKSON, DALLAS
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

RE: KENNETH RAYE HAYLES

ERNEST MOYERS, TWO THREE EIGHT ZERO EAST SECOND ST., NORTH LITTLE
ROCK, ARK., PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON
THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT:

LOTH MOYERS AND HIS WIFE SAID THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY
APPEARING IN THE MAY TWENTY ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE BEARS A STRONG
RESEMBLANCE TO KENNETH RAYE HAYLES, AN INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM THEY WERE
CASUALLY ACQUAINTED DURING THE PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY JUNE OR JULY TO
SEP-1, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. AT THAT TIME THE MOYERS
RESIDED AT LONGVIEW, TEXAS, WHERE MOYERS OPERATED THE LONGVIEW SERVICE
BUREAU. JOHN JACOBS, A REAL ESTATE SALESMAN OF CARTWAGE, TEXAS, REFERRED
HAYLES TO MOYERS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING A FARM. HAYLES DID NOT
PURCHASE A FARM IN THAT AREA, BUT IN ABOUT SEPT. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN,
MOYERS, A FORMER RESIDENT OF OXFORD, MISS. WAS TALKING TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE ONLY BANK AT WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI, NAME NOT RECALLED, WHO
TOLD MOYERS THAT HAYLES HAD BOUGHT A FARM IN THE VICINITY OF WATER
VALLEY FOR WHICH HE HAD PAID CASH. NO DESCRIPTION WAS FURNISHED OF THIS
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FARM. HAYLES HAD MENTIONED TO MOYERS THAT HE HAD FRIENDS AT WATER VALLEY MISSISSIPPI.

HAYLES PAID MOYERS FIFTY DOLLARS IN CASH FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN MAKING A FEW CONTACTS FOR HIM. MOYERS SAW HAYLES APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TIMES IN LONGVIEW AND IN CARTHAGE, TEXAS. HE DESCRIBED HAYLES AS WHITE MALE, FORTY, SIX FT. ONE INCH, ONE NINETYFIVE LBS., WELL BUILT WITH PERHAPS A LITTLE FAT BUT GENERAL MUSCULAR, CLEFT IN CHIN, AVERAGE COMPLEXION, DARK BROWN TO BLACK HAIR, CLEAN SHAVEN, GENERALLY DRESSED IN GOOD CLOTHING BUT NEVER NEAT, CLAIMED TO BE A NATIVE OF MISSISSIPPI, NO OCCUPATION, CLAIMED TO BE RETIRED, HAVING MADE CONSIDERABLE MONEY THE SOURCE OF WHICH WAS NEVER DIVULGED, HAD NO FAMILY, AND WAS NEVER FREE WITH INFORMATION. ONLY KNOWN ASSOCIATE AT CARTHAGE WAS JOHN JACOBS, MENTIONED ABOVE. HAYLES' ADDRESS IN CARTHAGE UNKNOWN, WAS NOT LISTED IN PHONE BOOK, BUT MOYERS WAS ABLE TO CONTACT HIM BY PHONE THROUGH INFORMATION AT THE TELEPHONE OFFICE, AND IT WAS MOYERS' UNDERSTANDING THAT HAYLES RESIDED IN A HOUSE RATHER THAN A MOTEL OR HOTEL.

DURING THEIR CONTACTS, HAYLES ALWAYS HAD PLENTY OF MONEY, ORIGINALLY DROVE NINETEEN FIFTYSIX BLACK CHEVROLET, BUT LATER ACQUIRED, PLACE UNKNOWN, A NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN BUICK ELECTRA GRAY WITH BLACK
END PAGE TWO

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VINYL TOP BEARING TEXAS LICENSE. DURING THIS PERIOD HAYLES SAID THAT HE MADE TRIPS TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND DALLAS, TEXAS. AT ONE TIME HE SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN BIRMINGHAM AND HAVE A FARM IN MISSISSIPPI WHERE HE COULD GO TO RELAX AND FISH. HE WAS INTERESTED IN SPORTS AND CLAIMED TO HAVE PROMOTED SOME BOXING IN ATLANTA, GA. ON ONE OCCASION HAYLES TOLD MOYERS THAT HE HAD NEVER FILED AN INCOME TAX RETURN AND DID NOT INTEND TO.

MOYERS WIFE AGREED ON THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF HAYLES BY HER HUSBAND WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT IN ADDITION TO BEING WELL BUILT THAT HIS STOMACH HAD A LITTLE OVERLAP AT THE BELT.

JACKSON AT WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HAYLES TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

DALLAS AT CARHAGE, TEXAS, WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE HAYLES FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (41-38861)
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/14/68, setting forth a letter written by Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, of Los Angeles, California, who published the Tuskegee Tribune in Tuskegee, Alabama, 1964 and 1965. She suggested the possibility that some of the people who subscribed to the Tuskegee Tribune during that time might have been implicated in the murder of Dr. KING.

Mobile files reflect a LHM submitted to the Bureau 11/12/64, reflecting that LOMAX moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, in late 1964, and published the Tuskegee Tribune. It was set forth that Dr. JULIAN GILES, Director of the VA Hospital, Tuskegee, regarded her as a "mentally sick" person.

In this same file Los Angeles LHM dated 1/18/65, LA file 100-51442, set forth that CS LA 3184-S advised on 1/14/65, that LOMAX was considered untrustworthy by most all the various Negro organizations and groups in the Los Angeles area, and none of them would give her financial backing. This source said that many people acquainted with her questioned her mental capacity.

- 3 - Bureau
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In view of the above information, and inasmuch as referenced airtel does not indicate any real reason for her statement that the persons named by her might bear checking out in the assassination of Dr. KING, UACB the persons set out for interview by the Mobile Division are not being interviewed regarding MURKIN.

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5/17/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
SAC JACKSON

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST RE KENNETH RAYE HAYLES.
INVESTIGATION CARTHAGE, TEXAS REVEALED HAYLES LIVED IN
CARTHAGE WITH WIFE AND FAMILY FROM OCTOBER, 'SIXTYFIVE TO AUGUST,
'SIXTYSEVEN, CURRENTLY LIVING NINE ZERO ONE TWO BLUM BOULEVARD,
BEREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. REAL ESTATE AGENT AND BANKER'S DEALING
WITH HAYLES STATES HE BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE PHOTOS JAMES EARL
RAY.

RECEIVING OFFICES DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION RE HAYLES.

AM COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LITTLE ROCK, AND
NEW ORLEANS INFO. P

- ① - Atlanta (44-2386)(AM)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(AM)
 - 1 - Little Rock (AM)
 - 1 - New Orleans (AM)(Info)
 - 1 - Dallas
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
 MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and receiving Offices, is a self-explanatory investigative insert concerning an interview with JAMES D. WALLACE, an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP).

It is to be noted that WALLACE stated he saw subject with JAMES L. OWENS in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967. Also enclosed is a photograph of JAMES L. OWENS taken at the MSP.

The following is a description of JAMES LAOMA OWENS as it appeared in the MSP records:

Inmate #	00184
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	_____ at Elvins, Mo.
Height	5'4"
Weight	149 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 2)
- ② - Atlanta (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Birmingham (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Chicago (Encs. 2)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 2)
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KC 44-760

Complexion
Build
Shoe size
Occupation

Medium
Stocky
10½
Barber.

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Date: 5/10/68

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, JACKSONVILLE AND PITTSBURGH
FROM SAVANNAH /44-1768/ 2P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY TEN LAST, NO COPY TO PITTSBURGH.

FOR INFO PITTSBURGH, ATLANTA ADVISED EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK
REVEALED DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS INDICATE A JOHN WILLARD MADE
RESERVATION ON FAL APRIL ELEVEN LAST, CHANGED FLIGHT, AND FLEW
APRIL TEN LAST ON EAL AND RETURNED ATLANTA APRIL FIFTEEN LAST ON
DAL FLIGHT NO. TWENTY. LEFT CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI FOUR FOUR
EIGHT DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN SIX AND SAVANNAH TWO THREE THREE DASH
FIVE THREE ONE, ROOM FIVE TWO ONE. LATTER NUMBER IS SAVANNAH
DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. AT WHICH INQUIRY DEVELOPED JOHN O. WILLARD,
WITHEROW RD., SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON, CO.,
DRIVING CHEVROLET CAR NY LICENSE THREE EIGHT THREE TWO L X,
CHECKED INTO ROOM FOUR TWO ONE ON MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST AND OUT
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. CHECKED IN AGAIN INTO ROOM FIVE TWO ONE,
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SAME BACKGROUND INFO, WITH A BARRY L. DEAL, SEVEN ONE ZERO N. E.
FOURTEENTH AVE., GAINSVILLE, FLA., ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AND OUT
ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

PITTSBURGH RESOLVE IDENTITY OF WILLARD, WHICH IS ALSO ALIASES
OF SUBJECT KAY. RESE1 LEAD FOR JACKSONVILLE TO INTERVIEW DEAL AT
GAINESVILLE, FLA., IF NECESSARY.

MIAMI, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND JACKSONVILLE ADVISED BY MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR...JACKSONVILLE NOT ADVISED BY TELETYPE.

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JMS

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Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
NEW YORK

FROM: PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MAY NINE SIXTYEIGHT
AND SAVANNAH TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MAY TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT.

ALIAS JOHN WILLARD.

FOR INFORMATION NEW YORK ATLANTA ADVISED RECORDS OF
DOWNTOWN MOTOR INN, ATLANTA, REFLECT JOHN O., WILLARD,
WITHEROW ROAD, SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. MORTON AND
COMPANY, INC., WAS REGISTERED IN THE MOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ONE ONE
ON APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN LAST. WILLARD, WHO IS ONLY PERSON BY
THAT NAME REGISTERED IN MOTEL FROM MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, UNTIL
APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, WAS DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING NEW YORK
LICENSE THREE EIGHT THREE TWO - W X.

ON MAY TWELVE LAST SAVANNAH ADVISED EXPANDED AIRLINE
CHECK REVEALED DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS INDICATE A JOHN WILLARD
MADE RESERVATION ON EAL APRIL ELEVEN LAST, CHANGED FLIGHT, AND
FLEW APRIL TEN LAST ON EAL AND RETURNED ATLANTA APRIL FIFTEEN

1-Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
1-Savannah (44-1768) (AM)
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)
1-Pittsburgh
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LAST ON DAL FLIGHT NUMBER TWENTY. LEFT CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI FOUR FOUR EIGHT DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN SIX AND SAVANNAH TWO THREE THREE DASH FIVE THREE ONE, ROOM FIVE TWO ONE. LATTER NUMBER IS SAVANNAH DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. AT WHICH INQUIRY DEVELOPED JOHN O. WILLARD, WITHEROW ROAD, SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON, COMPANY, DRIVING CHEVROLET CAR NEW YORK LICENSE THREE EIGHT THREE TWO W X, CHECKED INTO ROOM FOUR TWO ONE ON MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST AND OUT MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST. CHECKED IN AGAIN INTO ROOM FIVE TWO ONE SAME BACKGROUND INFORMATION, WITH A BARRY L. BEAL, SEVEN ONE ZERO N. W. FOURTEENTH AVENUE, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, ON MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AND OUT ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT SEWICKLEY, PA., ON MAY TEN TO MAY TWELVE LAST, DEVELOPS ONE LOUIS WILLARD, JR., RESIDING ON WITHEROW ROAD. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT NEGATIVE. CREDIT CHECK REFLECTS JOHN O. WILLARD, WITHEROW ROAD, EMPLOYED BY W. W. NORTON AND U. CO., INC., FIVE FIVE FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, AS A COLLEGE TRAVELER.

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**NEW YORK, AT W. W. NORTON AND U. CO., INC., DETERMINE
WHETHER OR NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY. IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE
DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND SET OUT LEADS TO INTERVIEW.**

**PITTSBURGH, AT SEWICKLEY, PA., WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO
LOCATE LOUIS WILLARD, JR.**

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, SAVANNAH AND ATLANTA. P.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

630PM URGENT 5-17-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY SEVENTEEN
INSTANT.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY ADVISED HE MET INDIVIDUAL, LAST NAME
ANDERSON, WHOM HE STATED FORMERLY RESIDED ONE ONE THREE FOUR-
TEENTH ST., NE, ATLANTA. WILLOUGHBY DETERMINED ANDERSON'S CURRENT
ADDRESS IN ATLANTA. ANDERSON BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH HAROLD G.
ANDERSON WHO HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED AS YET FOR INTERVIEW. ANDERSON
WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

ATLANTA CI INVOLVED IN SALE AND USE OF DRUGS AND
NARCOTICS IN TAVERNS NEAR FOURTEENTH STREET WHERE SUBJECT ROOMED
ADVISED THAT CONTACT WITH DRUG AND NARCOTIC USERS HAS PROVIDED
NO USEFUL INFORMATION RE SUBJECT'S POSSIBLE PURCHASE OR USE OF
DRUGS DURING VISIT TO ATLANTA.

EXAMINATION OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES METROPOLITAN ATLANTA
CONTINUING. CHECK OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AREA HOSPITALS
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI MEMPHIS

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44-2386-1897

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 5/18/68

FROM : SA ALDEN F. MILLER

SUBJECT: UNSUB; 1968 Dodge

MURKIN

Supervisor HELGEROON of the Bureau called regarding 1968 Dodge recovered in St. Louis, Missouri, which reportedly had been stolen Atlanta from National Car Rental.

He reported this vehicle was reportedly stolen according to NCIC, Atlanta PD No. LA 3249 on May 7, 1968.

Appears this car has nothing to do with MURKIN.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/20/68

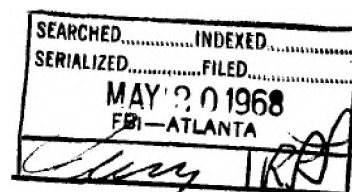
Postal Inspector RAGSDALE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised this date mail held for JAMES EARL RAY at the General Delivery, Atlanta Post Office, was due to be returned to sender of mail. RAGSDALE advised there had been no additional delivery of mail since last contacted and that the Bureau would be immediately notified if any additional mail for RAY should be sent to the Atlanta Post Office, General Delivery. He stated clerks at the General Delivery window have been alerted and if RAY or anyone should call for mail for JAMES EARL RAY, these clerks will attempt to obtain identities of these people or mode of transportation, including license numbers.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

727PM URGENT 5-20-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTY
INSTANT.

CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH SALE AND
USE OF DRUGS IN AREA WHERE SUBJECT RESIDED NEGATIVE TO
DATE.

EXAMINATION OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES METROPOLITAN
ATLANTA AREA CONTINUING. POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES ADVISED
TODAY ALL MAIL BEING HELD CARE OF GENERAL DELIVERY,
ATLANTA, FOR RAY BEING RETURNED TO SENDER. BUREAU
ALREADY ADVISED CONCERNING ALL MAIL RECEIVED AND NO
NEW MAIL RECEIVED TO DATE.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AND SUBJECT'S
PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITED IN AREA ADJACENT TO AREA CIRCLED
ON MAP CLOSE TO SCLC HEADQUARTERS THAT WAS ON MAP FOUND

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IN SUBJECT'S ROOM AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA,
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

JAMES R. WILLOUGHBY REINTERVIEWED AND WAS SHOWN PHOTO
OF WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE AND STATED LEE DOES NOT
APPEAR SIMILAR TO ANY OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED
BY WILLOUGHBY TALKING TOGETHER AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH
STREET APPROXIMATELY APRIL TWO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.
WILLOUGHBY HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FURNISH.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

TSJ

FBI MEMPHIS

WPK

FBI WASH DC

MEMO SAC (44-2386)

May 23, 1968

SA Alden F. Miller

MURKIN

Re 44-2386-1347 lead to check Delta Computer.

Data regarding passenger Burne was requested from Mr. W.W. Meadows, Passenger Reservations Supervisor. On May 21, 1968, he advised that a check of their computer regarding passenger Burne reflects that his ticket was a roundtrip ticket originally purchased in London, England.

Passenger was exercising the return portion of the ticket to London on 4/6/68 Delta Flight #106.

It is obvious from above that Burne is not ident with subject.

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REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/17/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/18/68-5/15/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA	TYPED BY bjc
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE: Atlanta report of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, 4/18/68.

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Will continue efforts to locate subject and report results thereof.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						None	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		
APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Rerep sets forth check of various agencies previously conducted with negative results. Upon determination by Bureau on 4/19/68, that subject of this case is JAMES EARL RAY, these agencies were appropriately rechecked, that is, airlines, banks, birth, city and telephone directories, credit, arrest, car rentals, drivers license, dancing schools, hotels, INS, laundries, motels, public utilities, MVB, Selective Service, public transportation other than airlines, labor unions, and criminal and racial informants.

In addition, the authors of want ads appearing in the metropolitan Atlanta newspaper re used cars for sale during the period 3/24-4/5/68, were contacted, all look-alike complaints resolved through interview, appropriate agency checks and neighborhood investigation where warranted.

The foregoing efforts proved negative and results are not being set forth in this report. Results of each inquiry appear in Atlanta file in appropriate form.

Copies of this report for the United States Attorneys at Birmingham and Memphis are included with copies for those offices, but not marked as such. Dissemination to be held in abeyance pending Bureau instructions.

With reference to interviews of RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, this individual stated he would not testify to the information he furnished because he feared for his life. It is noted that CURTIS furnished the same information to the national news media.

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Title:

JAMES EARL RAY,
IO Number 4182
WF Number 442-A
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Results of FBI Laboratory examination of items obtained from 1966 Mustang and during search of subject's room set forth. Fibers on several items in Mustang could have come from bedspread in which rifle previously located in Memphis, Tenn., was wrapped. One latent fingerprint on map of Mexico located in room determined identical with a latent fingerprint on above rifle and binoculars also located in Memphis. Reinterviews of "GALT's" landlord did not produce information of significance. Landlord identified photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being photograph of individual known to him as "GALT." Operator of neighborhood laundry used by "GALT" identified photograph of RAY as being good likeness of "GALT." Interviews with LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA and RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS previously incarcerated with RAY set forth. Unable to suggest subject's whereabouts. IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS: